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1. (U) TUNISIAN REACTION TO NEWS OF ISRAELI ATTACK ON IRAQI NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS HAS BEEN CRITICAL, AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, BUT GENERALLY RESTRAINED. PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA DISPATCHED MESSAGE TO IRAQI PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN, EXPRESSING INDIGNATION AT THE ATTACK AND PLEDGING TUNISIA'S SUPPORT IN THE FACE OF "THIS ACT OF INTERNATIONAL BANDITRY". PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONCLUDED WITH MILD AFFIRMATION OF GOT DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE WORKING TO PREVENT FUTURE SUCH ACTS AGAINST THE ARAB NATION.

2. (U) LOCAL PRESS PROMINENTLY FEATURED U.S. STATEMENTS WHICH CHARACTERIZED ISSUE AS MATTER OF UTMOST CONCERN AND WHICH CONDEMNED ISRAELI ATTACK. WHILE INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPERS OPTED FOR MORE DRAMATIC TREATMENT OF THE EVENT, OFFICIAL GOVERNAMENT PRESS CONFINED ITSELF PRIMARILY TO STRAIGHT-FORWARD COVERAGE BASED ON OFFICIAL STATEMENTS ISSUED BY ISRAELI AND IRAQI GOVERNMENTS.

3. (C) EMBASSY COMMENT:

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